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State Representative Stakoe
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Dear Representative Stakoe:

RE: House Bill 4133

I am writing to express support of HB 4133. As you know House Bill 4133 will remove the prohibition against the service of civil process on Sundays and Election Day.

Last year there were over 583,000 new civil cases filed in District Courts statewide. In our court there were over 9,300 cases filed. The passage of HB 4133 will increase the efficiency of this court and courts across the State by allowing process servers to serve civil process any day of the week.

The origination of the prohibition against service of process on Sunday dates back to 1846 when Courts did not transact any business on Sunday. I recognize and respect that many people consider Sunday as a "day of rest." However, many defendants are adept at avoiding service. Allowing the service of process on Sunday will allow process servers an additional day to serve process which will assist the courts with resolving civil matters more expeditiously.

The ban on Election Day was to facilitate unimpeded access to the ballot box. As you know, times have changed, and we want to be sure that Michigan and our courts are keeping pace with inevitable change.

Thank you for holding a hearing on this issue, and I look forward to its passage.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Dillon
Court Administrator